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SINKIANG IRRIGATION AND FACTORY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED;
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IRRIGATION IN MAI-KAI-T'U HSIEN -- Sinkiang Jih-pao, 12 Mar 49

Mai-kai-t'U Hsien in the western sector of the Takla Makan Desert urgently needs to solve its long-standing irrigation problem and make its arid soil more productive. For this purpose, the So-ch'e Administrative Office recently requested the Sinkiang Provincial Government to create an irrigation engineering bureau in this locality.

Earlier proposals of this office to cope with the situation were: (1) to provide a regulated supply of water from Yeh-ch'eng for 45 days out of every year during the drought season, and from So-ch'e Hsien via the Pei-shih-kan Canal for 20 days; (2) to interest the people of the hsien in the repair and development, by new dredging operations, of existing ditches and canals in the towns and villages, and of the canal which utilizes the Yu Ho, a local branch of the Yeh-erh-chiang Ho.

These measures offered only temporary satisfaction, however, and the So-ch'e Administrative Office is now seeking a permanent solution to the problem by the establishment of a bureau which would be responsible for a complete irrigation development.

EMPLOYEE AND PRODUCTION PROBLEMS -- Sinkiang Jih-pao, 15 Mar 49

On 23 March, heads of the Sinkiang Provincial Reconstruction Department's factories met with Wei Hsi-hai, Accounting Bureau Chief.

Wei reported on the decision rendered by the Accounting Bureau, Reconstruction Department, and Finance Department with regard to rationing for surplus employees of the factories. Hereafter, rationing for each employee will be cut by 50 percent. The method of distribution will be evolved after production conditions at each plant are examined.

The Reconstruction Department will also make a study of the sugar mill's future production plans before sanctioning its request for a special appropriation with which to increase production and improve the quality of the sugar beet.

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It was announced at this meeting that the provincial government intends to show greater interest and give more aid in industrial development. Wei expressed a hope that the factories would sympathize with the provincial government in its present straits.

Present at the meeting were: Liu Te-en, deputy chief, Reconstruction Department; Ma T'ien-yu, ironworks; Su Tan, glass works; Je-hsi-t'i, pottery works; Jen Hsueh-feng, sulfate plant; Ma Yun-te, coal mine; Teng Shu-?, sugar mill.

AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK LOANS -- Sinkiang Jih-pao, 1 Mar 49

Loans for this year's development of agriculture and animal husbandry will be distributed by the Reconstruction Department of the Sinkiang Provincial Government to various hsien as follows:

<u>Hsien</u>	<u>Agriculture</u> (in 1,000 gold yuan)	<u>Animal Husbandry</u>
<u>1st Administrative District</u>		
Ti-hua	1,500	800
Ch'ang-chi	1,000	450
Ching-hua	1,000	400
Sui-lai	1,000	400
Ch'ien-te	1,000	330
Fou-k'ang	800	400
Ch'i-t'ai	1,500	500
Fu-yuan	1,200	450
Ma-lei-ho	1,200	500
T'u-lu-fan	1,200	--
Shan-shan	1,000	--
T'o-k'o-hsun	1,000	450
<u>8th Administrative District</u>		
Yen-ch'i	1,500	650
Ho-ching	500	500
Ho-shih	500	500
<u>9th Administrative District</u>		
Ha-mi	1,500	650
Chen-hsi	1,500	500
I-wu	143	400

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